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PROMOTING MINE MECHANIZATION IN POLAND.

SET UP BUREAU TO DESIGN MINING EQUIPMENT -- Warsaw Monitor Polski, 6 Jun 50

Based on Article I of the decree of 3 Januar \$4947 on the formation of state enterprises, the Minister of Mining -- in agreement with the chairman of the State Economic Planning Commission and the Minister of Finance -hereby orders the formation of a state corporation known as the "Central Mining Machine Building Bureau," as of 1 January 1950.

The enterprise is to be located in Gliwice. Its purpose will be to design machinery and equipment needed by the mining industry, with particular emphasis on mining machines, loaders, underground transportation, extracting Equipment, ventilating equipment, water-pumping equipment, and mechanization of coal processing. The enterprise will also conduct research, test new mining machinery, and cooperate with mines in the introduction of new machinery. It will supply factories which manufacture machinery for the coal industry with technical literature as required.

State authority over the enterprise will be vested in the Minister of Mining.

The enterprise will have a Council for Public Supervision whose sphere of activity, method of appointing and recalling members, organization, and procedures will be defined by the Council of Ministers.

The administrative organ of the enterprise will be the Board of Directors, members of which will be appointed and recalled by the Minister of Mining. The Board of Directors will be composed of one director representing the management, and one assistant director subordinate to the director.

Obligations of the enterprise must be countersigned by: (a) two members of the Board of Directors jointly; (b) one member of the Board of Directors and an authorized commercial agent; or (c) two authorized commercial agents jointly.

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MECHANIZE SIEMIANOWICE COAL MINE -- Katowice Dziennik Zachodni, 4 Jun 50

Although the Siemianowice Mine started to mechanize in the fall of 1949, satisfactory results were not achieved until March 1950. Machines had been delivered before that time but there was a shortage of operators and experts to organize the work. These problems have now been worked out and production is improving. While in January 1950, mechanical loaders handled only 1,845 tons of coal, in April the figure reached 4,240 tons. In January, one mechanical loader handled 24 tons of coal and in April, 49 tons. With six cuttings the Joy loader ought to load 120 tons of coal.

With mechanization, output in the galleries increased from 4.4 tons in January to 7.4 tons in April, and at the prop wall it increased from 8.8 tons to 10.7 tons. The extension of galleries increased from 2 meters per shift in January to 6 meters in April. In January, the machines were operated only on one shift while at present they operate on 2.06 shifts.

The Siemianowice Mine has one of the first universal cutters in Poland and a scraper-type conveyor of Polish construction. The cutter, operated by a three-man crew and an instructor, is movable and can be operated from any position -- vertical, horizontal, or inclined. It can work 2 meters of a high gallery in one shift, yielding 40 tons, while it takes two shifts to work one meter by hand.

Engr Jerzy Kasparek suggested using the cutter also as a loader. After the coal has been cut and blasted, the blades are replaced with a bucket loader of domestic construction which moves the coal to the scraper conveyor. Experiments have proved quite satisfactory.

FACTORIES PLEDGE STEPPED-UP OUTPUT -- Warsaw Rzeczpospolita, 9 Jun 50

The Piotrowice Mining Machine Factory will repair by 22 July 1950 eight additional Hopkins-type coal cutters to enable the Ludwik coal mine to mechanize additional coal faces, and to supply Dubiensko and Knurow coal mines with 50 helical gears for drives.

Pledges made by the Rybnik Mining Machine Factory will accelerate mechanization of extraction work in mines.

The Miners' Lamp Factory in Katowice pledged fulfillment of the 1950 plan for the production of carbide lamps 3 months before the scheduled date.

The repair shop of the Zabrze Mining Machine Factory pledged completion of 50 tons of first-aid apparatus above plan by the end of 1950.

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